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SUBJ: ICAO - RESULTS OF AFCAC ASSEMBLY, DAMPALA

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1. PRES/COUNCIL HAS RETURNED FROM AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST TRIP AND ADVISED USREP OF FOLLOWING. TWO MAJOR ISSUES AT AFCAC WERE
A) RELATION BETWEEN AFCAC/ICAO/OAU BECAUSE OF OAU RESOLUTION
DISCONTINUING AFCAC/ICAO AGREEMENT AND ANTICIPATING AFCAC
SUPPORT BY OAU. AVIATION INTERESTS WITHIN AFCAC PREVAILED. UNDER
GUIDANCE BINAGHI AND DWEMOH (PRES/AFCAC), ORGANIZATION ADOPTED
RESOLUTION WHICH IS COMPLEX AND TEDIOUS AND REQUIRES THAT AN AFCAC
COMMITTEE (UNDER DIRECTION DWEMOH) WILL VISIT OAU HEADQUARTERS
ADDIS WITH A VIEW TO DISCUSSIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION.
DESIGNED TO DELAY ANY DEFINITE DECISION AND CLOUD ISSUE IN COMPLEX-
ITIES AS WELL AS ACQUAINT POLITICAL PERSONNEL OF OAU WITH AVIATION
TECHNICAL NATURE ICAO AND AFCAC. REPORT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO
EXTRAORDINARY PLENARY OF AFCAC TO BE HELD IN JUNE IN GABON.
B) OTHER ISSUE WHICH LEAD TO A CALL OF EXTRAORDINARY
PLENARY WAS QUESTION OF AVIATION TRAINING WHICH AFRICANS
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INSIST ON HAVING EXPANDED AND AFRICANIZED. THEY AGREED TO

EXPANSION OF CURRENT ICAO REGIONAL FACILITIES BUT MOST EFFECTIVE ONE IS IN TUNISIA WHICH WOULD NOT ENTIRELY SUIT PURPOSE. GABON, CAMEROON AND ZAIRE WERE MOST ACTIVE REGARDING POSSIBILITY LOCATION OF NEW TRAINING CENTER IN FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICA AND HOSTING OF EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY.

2. DWEMOH (GHANA) WAS RE-ELECTED PRES BUT FOR FIRST TIME PRESIDENCY WENT TO A VOTE. MALI (DGCA MAIGU) AND ZAIRE (MOBUTO'S (DC-10)PILOT) WERE MAJOR CONTENDERS IN EFFORT TO REMOVE PRESIDENCY TO FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICA.

3. BINAGHI EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN THAT US HAD NOT BEEN PRESENT AT AFCAC (BINAGHI LEFT AFTER FIRST WEEK). HE SAID THAT DWEMOH CONSULTED HIM SEVERAL TIMES REGARDING POSSIBLE US ATTENDANCE. USREP ADVISED BINAGHI THAT MONEY HAD NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR LONG TRIP FROM WASHINGTON OR MONTREAL AND HOPEFULLY CAA/BEIRUT HAD ATTENDED LAST PART OF SESSION TO E. AFRICA. BINAGHI SAID THAT AUSTRALIA AND FRANCE HAD SENT SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT USSR, PRC, UK WERE REPRESENTED BY LOCAL COUNSELLORS OR AIRLINE REPS.

4. BINAGHI WILL CIRCULATE MEMO TO ALL COUNCIL REPS REPORTING ON HIS TRIP TO AFCAC AND ATTACHING RESOLUTION ON AFCAC/ICAO/OAU RELATIONS VERY SOON. USREP WILL TELEGRAPH TEXT OF RESOLUTION AND AIRMAIL PAPER.

5. U.S. REP WISHES REITERATE DEEP CONCERN THAT US WAS NOT REPRESENTED BY SOMEONE/ANYONE, SINCE IT WAS U.S. RESOLUTION AND ADAMANT U.S. POSITION IN ASSEMBLY THAT DEMANDED REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ISSUE INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS.
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